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Prominent colored men of Washington, D. C., have held a meeting and endorsed Blaine and Bruce for the Republican standard bearers. This ticket would unite the North and the South, and would win.

The Republican County Convention will assemble on the fifth instant to nominate the legislative ticket and the remainder of the County officers. It is now conceded on all hands that a colored man will be placed on the legislative ticket. The colored people expect and of right demand it. Four-fifths of the delegates are pledged to it. The demand is a very modest one, considering the circumstances. It is right and just and we trust the delegates will not allow a few hypocritical time servers and selfish self-styled leaders to swerve them from their duty in this matter.

Hon. A. J. Anderson, of Hamilton, Ohio, gave The Leader a call on Thursday evening. Mr. Anderson was returning from a short Western tour during which he took in St. Louis and the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church. He spoke in glowing terms of the hospitality of the denizens of the "Future Great" and complimented very highly the personnel of the Conference.

Mr. Anderson's first choice for President is Sherman, he likes Blaine, is opposed to Grant, but will support the nominee of the Convention. We rather suspected that Mr. Anderson's Western trip was for the purpose of repairing Sherman's fences though he gently, very gently, denied the soft impeachment.

The Grant men controlled the Illinois State Convention by very questionable methods, and sent a solid Grant delegation to Chicago. The Cook County contesting delegation to which the anti-Grant men were justly entitled, was divided between the two factions. The convention disregarded the precedent of long-established custom of permitting the Congressional Districts to name the delegates to the National Convention, and appointed a committee to name the delegates. As a result, a solid Grant delegation of 42 was sent to Chicago. The districts in which Blaine had a majority, have selected Blaine delegates, and will contest for their seats at Chicago. There's music in the air.

Deputy U. S. Marshall Chas. N. Lee went to Shelbyville Thursday night with a warrant from the U. S. Court, and arrested Lee Amsden, George Seragg, and Charles Robinson, three of the Shelbyville Kluders, who are accused of being the instigators and leaders of the disgraceful riot there at the April election. They were released on \$1,000 bail, each. Amsden is the present County Treasurer, and is a candidate for re-election. This arrest will no doubt secure him a re-nomination, though, if elected, the office will probably have to be administered by a deputy, while the principal serves out a term in the penitentiary. To those unacquainted with the facts, it may be remarked that the object of the rioters was to prevent a few colored men from voting. A plucky young Republican knocked Amsden on the head with a club which nearly put an end to him.

The experts appointed to examine certain specimens of writing of the West Point Cadets, have reported that in their opinion the note of warning to Whittaker, was written by himself. They base their conclusions on certain similarities in the writing, and the fact that the piece of paper on which the note of warning was written, exactly matched a piece found in Whittaker's room. All of which goes to prove a foul and deep laid conspiracy to ruin Whittaker, and relieve those pauper snobs from the annoying presence of colored students in the future. They had sense enough to know that an investigation would be ordered; they had free access to Whittaker's room, and they took every precaution that they

thought necessary to fix the guilt on Whittaker. They no doubt counted on the connivance and secret aid of the officers; in fact we should not be at all surprised if it should yet be established that some of the officers at least were actual participants in the conspiracy, and the commission of the outrage. Now the fact is under the circumstances this expert testimony is not worth a farthing. There is probably not a man in the country whose hand-writing could not be so closely imitated by an expert that he himself would be unable to decide whether a given specimen was his or not. Whittaker stood well in his class. There was no good reason to suppose that he would fail in the final examination, hence there could be no motive for the infliction of such injuries upon himself.

Fair minded men will not believe him guilty on such testimony as has been adduced. But they will set the seal of eternal condemnation upon the brute Schofield and those who have encouraged him in this foul persecution of an innocent boy—the ward of the Nation.

THE PRESIDENCY.

All eyes are now turned to Chicago. What will be the outcome of the National Convention is the question on every tongue. The earnest hope of every patriot in the land is that the Convention will place a candidate in the field for the exalted office of President, who, though he may be the first choice of only a faction, possibly of none, will, nevertheless, be acceptable to the great mass of Republican voters. We are free to say that we do not believe that General Grant is that candidate. As we have said before, any one of the great leaders, Blaine, Washburne, Sherman, Edmunds, or Windom would sweep the country. The nomination of General Grant would, in all probability, place in the field a third ticket, which, though having no chance of success, might poll enough votes to throw the election into the House of Representatives. This, of course, would result in the choice of the Democratic candidate. The spontaneous sentiment of the rank and file of the Republican party in every State in the Union is against the nomination of General Grant for a third term. It has been claimed that the colored people of the South are a unit for Grant. This, however, is disproved by the fact that from those States in which the machinery of the party is controlled by colored men, Grant has not a single solid delegation. The argument that General Grant deserves the place should go for nothing. Charles Sumner deserved it a thousand times over. The country contains thousands of noble men whose unselfish lives and noble deeds can never be rewarded. General Grant deserves well of the country and his services have been nobly rewarded, far more generously, in fact, than those of any other citizen of the Republic. Great issues are at stake in the coming campaign. Personal interests and the claims of individuals should be ignored. The success of the grand principles on which the party was founded is far more important than the success of any individual.

The election of any man to a third term would be a violation of an honored tradition of the country; a departure from a custom whose maintenance thousands of conscientious Republicans, however much mistaken, believe to be essential to the perpetuation of the Republic. Now, is there any good reason for outraging this sentiment and antagonizing the powerful element of the party by which it is supported. It is a notorious fact that General Grant's chief supporters are office holders and ex-office holders and that the States that have instructed for General Grant have only been secured with the greatest difficulty and by the most skillful manipulation of the machinery of the party. Considering all of these circumstances we can not but believe that General Grant's nomination would be a mistake which might end in disaster at the polls. Wise counsels should prevail and a spirit of compromise should be cultivated by all. General Grant would perform a great service to the party if he would voluntarily withdraw from the contest. There is no emergency which requires his re-election and there is no spontaneous demand for it on the part of the people. Give us a man upon whom all conscientious Republicans can unite.

GOOD FOR THE JOURNAL.

There will be five Representatives and two Senators to be elected from this county, and if the county is to take its proper place and have its proper influence in the Legislature, the delegation ought to be composed of able men. The first requisite of every member of the delegation should be brains—not nationality, nor color, nor any supposed adventitious elements of strength, but brains. Other things being equal, the man who has most brains and most fitness for the position represents the most elements of strength, and this is the sort of legislative ticket the Republicans should nominate.

We are pleased to see our esteemed contemporary take this manly stand. The chief requisite for a nomination has heretofore been a white skin. We are rejoiced to see the Journal put itself on record as opposed to this unjust discrimination against men of a darker hue. The colored people of Marion County will present to the Convention the names of colored men who have brains which they use, and fluent tongues with which to give a reason for the faith that is in them. With the Leader, the Journal and a majority of the County Convention in support of it, the nomination of a colored man is a foregone conclusion.

The General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, which has been in session at St. Louis for a couple of weeks, has made an excellent impression. The Board of Commerce invited the members of the Conference to a reception on 'Change, which was accepted. Appropriate speeches were made, creditable alike to the Conference and the business men of St. Louis. Probably the most important business thus far transacted was the election of three additional Bishops. There was quite a long list of candidates for these distinguished places, and the contest was extremely spirited to say the least. The following are the men upon whom fortune finally smiled: Rev. R. H. Cain, ex-member of Congress from South Carolina; Rev. H. M. Turner, well known for the past three years as the business manager of the Christian Recorder; Rev. — Dickerson, of Missouri. The successful men are all from the South, a fact not very palatable to the aspiring Northern elders. The solid South seems to manifest itself in more ways than one.

The Conference is now engaged in the revision of the Discipline and laws of the church, and will be in session some days yet.

Must be on a Plane of Absolute Equality.

(Reviewing News.)
If Cadet Whittaker silt his own ears he certainly showed a mental acumen and "nerve" not generally accredited to his race. The colored man and brother is not noted as possessing that kind of courage the highest expression of which is suicide. If Whittaker mutilated himself he shows he has it—not a bad recommendation for a man who needs to make war his profession. The mental acuteness he displayed was in judging how quickly the country would believe the white cadets had committed the outrage. The event proved his sagacity. On the other hand he had there a room to suppose if he was capable of concealing and carrying out this scheme, he had the mental ability to get through his studies and graduate? The theory that he is the culprit needs some further elucidation. One thing seems certain, he has started a sentiment that will reform West Point. It has been shown that the temper and spirit of that institution is radically wrong, and it will be rectified. The presidential business will absorb everything for a time, but there is a day of reckoning ahead for the "Point." There will be such a remodeling or revamping of things there that its future graduates will be as true Republicans as they are good soldiers. It is a public institution supported by all citizens, and all citizens must be on a plane of absolute equality there without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude.

No Place on the Ticket for Them.

(New York Sun.)
Senator Bruce, Frederick Douglass, Milton Turner, and other prominent colored men of the Republican party have been holding council at the capital with a view to obtaining recognition at Chicago on the Republican ticket. This ambition is not unworthy, but the managers of the machine are not likely to give it much countenance. They cultivate the colored vote very easily, and profess abundant sympathy for the race, but when the practical test is made this sympathy exhausts itself in sentimental phrases. There are distinguished colored men in different parts of the North, yet none of them have ever been sent to Congress, and very few have gained seats in the State Legislatures. Senator Bruce will soon close his career in Congress, without any prospect of re-entering public life from Kansas, which is destined to be his future home. The prejudice against color will follow him on to the free soil, where the great battle for his race was fought more than twenty years ago.

When the Commission which was sent to San Domingo to whitewash that nefarious job returned to Washington, Grant invited all the members of it to dine at the White House, with the conspicuous exception of Frederick Douglass. He had met with his white colleagues on terms of perfect equality during the trip, and had joined with them in signing a report that stands as a stigma and a reproach to every name that is near it. But Grant would not admit him to a seat at his table. It is well known that the Republican

majority of the Senate was theoretically disposed to admit Pinchback to a seat in that body. But they kept him dancing attendance for three years, and then dismissed him, with a consoling allowance of full pay for a place to which they denied his title in the end. Pinchback is a colored patriot who does not prefer a back seat when he can get a front one. Modesty is not his most shining virtue. He was virtually rejected by a vote of the ladies of the White House, the Cabinet, and the Senate. They knew if Pinchback was once admitted, he would assert every political right and social privilege of a Senator, and claim as much for his family. Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Fish, and the other grand dames of that shoddy epoch determined that it would never do to have Mrs. Pinchback figuring at their feasts. They passed an order in Council of the Boudoir that the husband of Mrs. Pinchback should be sent back to Louisiana.

For political effect, Frederick Douglass was made United States Marshal at Washington, but he exercises none of the social functions which belong to that office. Colored men have been sent to Liberia and Haiti, and some of them are messengers and clerks in the departments. But there the recognition stops. Senator Bruce and his associates, who are now organizing for a demonstration at Chicago, will only have their labor for their pains. Conning, Cameron and company have no other use for them than as hewers of wood and drawers of water in the party.

Emancipation Celebration.

(Elmira (N. Y.) Gazette, May 14.)
The colored citizens of Elmira met at Temperance Hall last evening, to initiate arrangements for an emancipation celebration on the 3d of August next. Hon. Frederick Douglass has signified a wish to be present; also several colored civic and military organizations from other cities. The following were appointed a Committee of Arrangements: Wm. A. Jones, Robert Adams, John Lewis, Thomas Stewart, Geo. Mann, Joshua Matthews, P. D. White, John Washington, Fred Matthews, Daniel Webster, Hiram Washington, Jacob Adams and Alfred Holland. Full power to arrange for the celebration was given the committee. This is to celebrate the President Lincoln's proclamation and the emancipation of slaves in the British colonies, August 1st, 1832, through the exertions of Wilberforce.

Portu News.

Johnny visits Ridgeview very often of late.
Miss Mollie Johnson is in Anderson visiting relatives.
Rev. David Smith of Wabash intends lecturing at Peru.
Hon. J. Sidney Hinton, of Indianapolis, was in the city last week on business.
Mrs. Sarah Nichols, of Marion, is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Bennett.
Rev. Solomon Nichols occupied the pulpit at Wayman's chapel last Sabbath.
Pedro, of Terre Haute, is going to start a base ball club by raising a nine of his own.
Steps are being taken for the purpose of organizing an Odd Fellows' Lodge in this city.

Jackson says he can go with whom he desires, and buy them ice cream too, if necessary.

Don't complain about the irregularities of the paper unless you have paid your subscription.

What has become of the Logansport items? Come, come, brother Rains, that will never do!

Eugene Lee started to North Carolina last Friday for the purpose of bringing his wife and family to Peru.

Voltaire returns compliments to Mrs. Payton, Dunlop and Jamison for their high esteem of his humble services.

A colored man, who is gathering the skeletons of defunct animals, voted a Democratic ticket at the city election. He had been in Indianapolis.

"And Julia's voice was lost except in sighs." This, from the immortal Byron, was called to mind while watching the effect of Frank (incense) upon a young lady.

Some friend sends us a copy of the Exodus, a paper published at Washington. We were favorably impressed with its age and not more than twenty years of age; a good English education, particularly in orthography and mathematics. The recent outrage upon Cadet Whittaker has aroused a determination among the colored people to send more of their own races, in order to protect one another, and it is necessary that they be prepared in the studies required.

Vincennes News.

Hurrah for Blaine, in this campaign, for only with him we hope to gain.

The most intelligent lady in the city always thinks the most of the Leader. The kindest one is the one who borrows no lends her Leader.

Several of our ladies made a visit to Omega's City, not long since, and as self-praise is not our practice, I shall wait to hear from Omega's pen.

The homeliest young lady in the city is the one who is constantly reminding one that she was to the land of the living in town, by her constantly repeating the elegant language (?) used by the clown.

The prettiest young lady in the city is the one who does not "mould-powder for her countenance." Of the three mentioned, which is the hardest to find? This question is put to the author of "Bridal Tour."

Rev. Mrs. Lewis, of Evansville, is visiting Rev. Mrs. John Ferguson, of Vincennes. The hearts of Misses Cartha and Carrie were made happy when their father, Rev. John Ferguson, made them a present of an elegant organ.

Rev. Wilson, of Mt. Vernon, was in our city Sunday, assisting Rev. Ferguson in his quarterly meeting occasion. The Reverend preached three able sermons which were well appreciated by the congregation. Mt. Vernon should feel highly in the possession of this talented Reverend and her progress. Nos Dum.

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News From the North and North east.

Robertson says he is getting too hard to wear "har." Better shaver it off, old man.
Rev. W. H. Anderson, of Terre Haute was in the city last week, the guest of Rev. J. R. Raynor.

Mr. George Evans has left the city with several race horses under his care, to be gone, perhaps, all summer.
Pedro, ask Hindu how he likes cutting his wisdom tooth on that bone he carried to Miss —te from here a few weeks ago.

The members of the Historical Society are requested to meet next Thursday evening. All are desired on important business.

Henry Merriweather fared pretty rough among the boys last Tuesday evening. We know it was hard, Hen, but we could not help it.

Rev. T. E. Wilson, of New Albany, is making a visit to his parents and friends. He arrived here last Tuesday evening, looking hale and hearty.

The "Florida Nightingales" gave a brilliant and successful musical entertainment last Wednesday, at the South Street Baptist Church. Success to you.

There will be no Literary in the Chapel any more. The Trustees have rented a hall near the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and Walnut street, for the purpose of holding the Literary, festivals, etc.

Miss Susan Scott was happily surprised last Saturday evening—her host at the residence of Mr. R. B. Braxton, 600, North Mississippi street, by a host of her friends who assembled and regaled themselves as voluptuously as the time would permit.

The members of the Bethel Baptist Church are making preparations for a grand rally, on the 30th of this month, to raise \$100 to liquidate the church debt. They have issued envelopes and are making strenuous efforts.

The members of the Historical Society met Friday evening of last week at No. 30 W. First street, and after music and literary display, they all indulged freely in cake, ice cream and other delicacies, or some mysterious reason they failed to extend an invitation to the Leader's staff.

Our friend Cooper helped us to pull our boat out to the High School picnic, and not relishing rowing very much, walked back. He did not get any lunch out there either, and we are told by a confidential friend that he looked like a wearying traveler going down the hill of life at the velocity of four feet and ten inches per minute.

by ALFRED HARRISON.
The chief element of Elder Titus' sermon of next Sunday night will be, "The Great Necessity of an Immediate Salvation."

T. Wilson, as previously mentioned, filled the pulpit of Rev. R. Titus' church last Sunday night. While it was not his best, it was fair in thought and expression. His discourse was not filled with so much passion and fire as usual. He is becoming more temperate in his expressions as he advances in his profession. More of the profound and less of the passion is the demand of the day.

The Chapel of the Literary will meet hereafter at the place designated, in Burgess' block, on Massachusetts ave. It is hoped there will be a full turnout. A festival will be held after the Literary. Those who propose to take an active part in the choir may begin to plume their pinions for a gentle or boisterous sail. The only weapon of defense will be that of a song book. The Chapel resembles a full-grown church. Universal challenge: "Resolved, That Lincoln was a greater man as a statesman than Charles Sumner." What?